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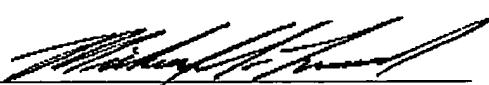
1. Amendment Transmittal (1 pg.); and
2. Response to Office Action (8 pgs.).

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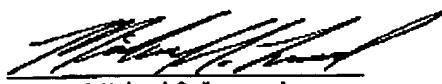
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Sir:

This Response is submitted with in response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 14, 2006. Applicant requests amendment, reconsideration and allowance of the patent application.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call Applicant's Representative to discuss any issues with this application.

**Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this Response.